

# The Eagle Express



January 2017

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## Let's Talk!!!!

I want to take this opportunity to wish all our A.W. James families a happy and healthy new year. I hope your holiday was relaxing and filled with memories to cherish with family and friends. Our students have transitioned back into their academic routines, and believe it or not, we are already in the third nine weeks. We only have about four months to continue educating our children. Time is flying.



The end of the marking period is here and report cards will go home on Thursday, January 12, 2017. As always, please be sure to contact the school if you have any questions about your child's progress so that we may schedule appointments. Additionally, it's important for students to arrive to school on time. School begins promptly at 7:45 a.m. Being on time provides students with a smooth transition to a day of learning. At this time, the students review the day's schedule, copy homework assignments, listen to school announcements, get breakfast, and distribute notes and materials from home to their teachers. To provide your children with a positive start to the day, please plan your morning so your child arrives in class **before 8:00, after 8:00 a.m. they are considered tardy.**

I enjoy taking this time to reflect upon the wonders of the New Year. Watching your children flourish with the guidance of the fantastic teachers and staff at A.W. James Elementary School is a true blessing. While visiting classrooms, I witness children who are engaged and excited about their learning. I am very proud of the children, staff and teachers at AWJ, and I look forward to many more **SUPER** things in 2017.

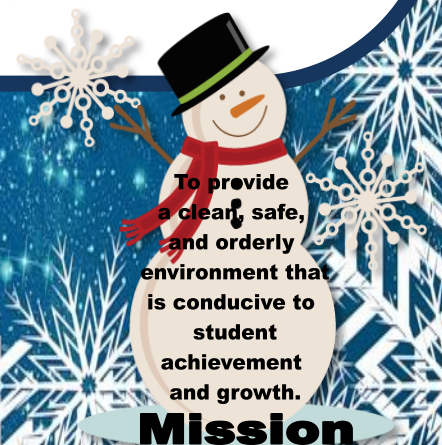
**Barbara C. Akon,**  
Principal

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1. **Be on time.**
2. **Be polite.**
3. **Be prepared.**
4. **Be productive.**
5. **Be on your Best, Best behavior.**

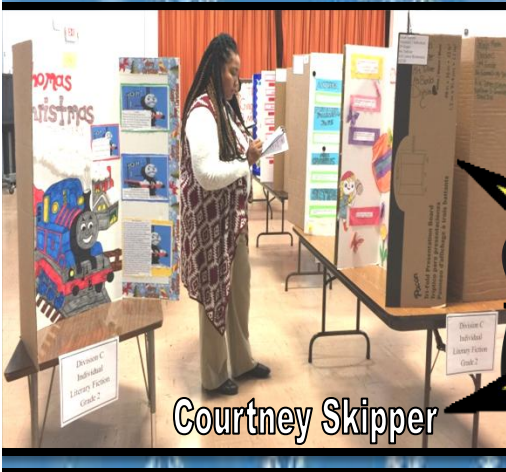
happy  
new year  
2017



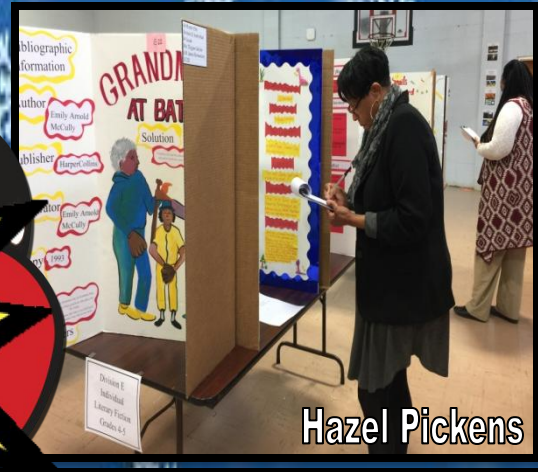
To provide  
a clean, safe,  
and orderly  
environment that  
is conducive to  
student  
achievement  
and growth.

**Mission**

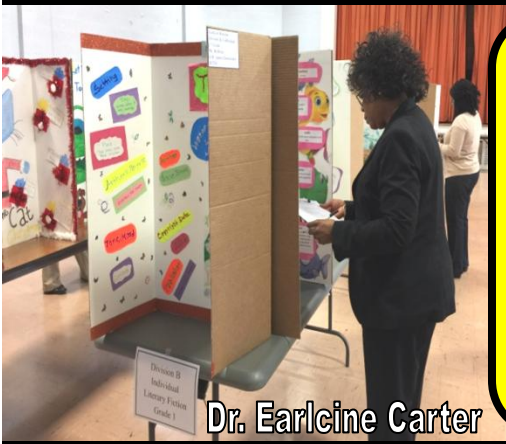




Courtney Skipper

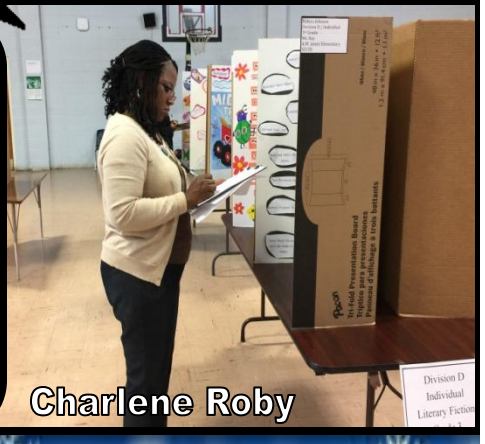


Hazel Pickens



Dr. Earlcine Carter

Judges Dr. Earlcine Carter, Hazel Pickens, Charlene Roby, and Courtney Skipper were hard at work trying to determine who the winners of A.W. James' 2016 Reading Fair would be. We take this time to thank them for taking time out of their busy schedules to take part in this event.



Charlene Roby



**1st Place Winners Individual**  
 Division A Kindergarten - Tiyjen Willis  
 Division B Grade 1 - Ja'maurin Ellis  
 Division C Grade 2 - Dannisha Jones  
 Division D Grade 3 - J'Arreul Covington  
 Division E Grades 4-5 - La'Rodrick King

**Group/Family Division K**  
 Pre-K -2nd - Melody Luckett

**Division L Grades 3-5**  
 Sobryah Hannon, Syverah Hannon and Brykerah Hannon

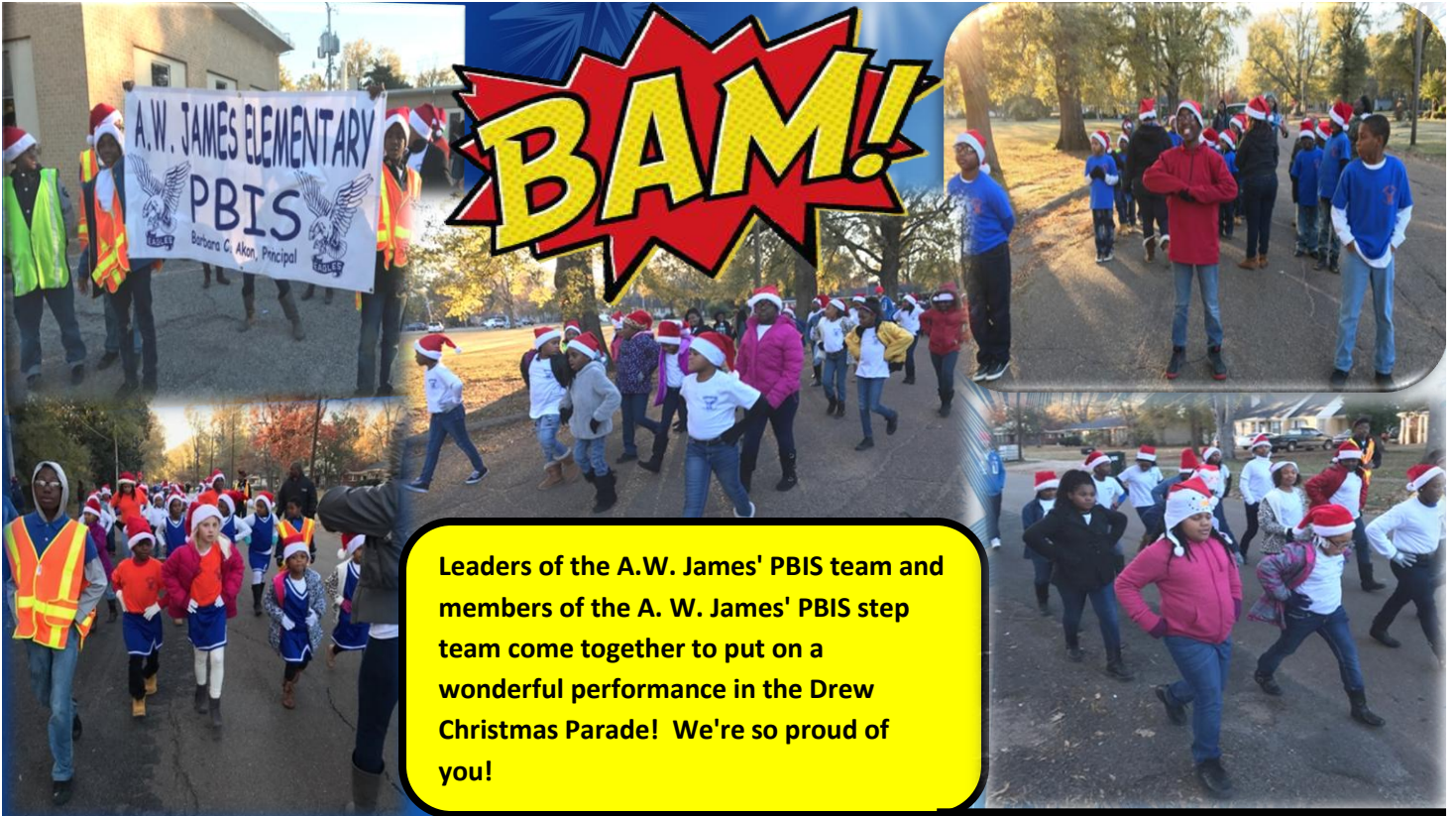
**3rd Place Winners Individual**  
 Division B Grade 1 - Gustavo Morales  
 Division C Grade 2 - Tyondris Willis  
 Division D Grade 3 - Rakiya Johnson  
 Division E Grades 4-5 - WL Collins

**Group/Family Division K Pre-K -2nd** Khalya Goliday

**2nd Place Winners Individual**  
 Division B Grade 1 - Kalyah Hannon  
 Division C Grade 2 - Jayden Jones  
 Division D Grade 3 - Demarcus Williams  
 Division E Grades 4-5 - Ke'maurin Ellis

**Group/Family Division K Pre-K -2nd**  
 Aniya Byrd, Jakerrion Hooper, Lamererion McFarland, Mckayla Middleton, Femorejna Robinson, Judge Sanders, and Desyrai Washington.



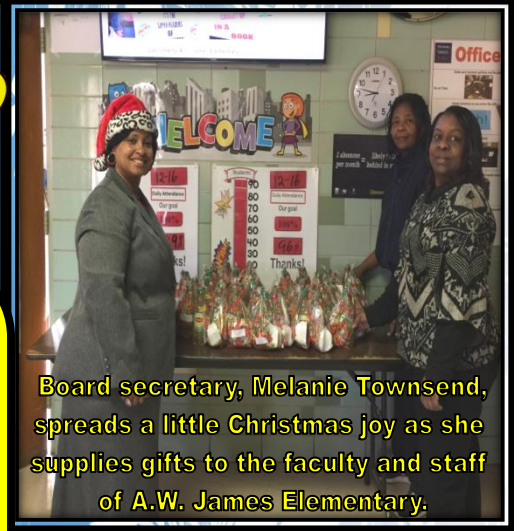


Leaders of the A.W. James' PBIS team and members of the A. W. James' PBIS step team come together to put on a wonderful performance in the Drew Christmas Parade! We're so proud of you!

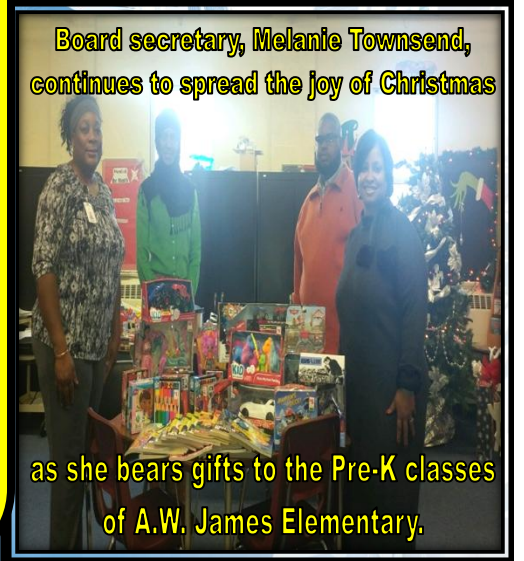


# SUPER HERO

To the left, SIG Coordinator, Catasha Brown, PBIS Director, Cora Cunningham, and Counselor Intern, Barbara Steele accept the trophies & certificates for the highest ADA for the month of November and the school with the most improved ADA from November 2015 to November 2016. Congratulations A.W. James! On the bottom left, big sister Kamya First explains to her little brother Montavious Hannon the difference between the students' attendance goal and the actual attendance for the day! Way to go Kamya!



Board secretary, Melanie Townsend, spreads a little Christmas joy as she supplies gifts to the faculty and staff of A.W. James Elementary.



Board secretary, Melanie Townsend, continues to spread the joy of Christmas

as she bears gifts to the Pre-K classes of A.W. James Elementary.





**POOF!**



The 2nd & 3rd grade students came together to put on a fabulous Christmas Program . They were joined by the jazz band of Ruleville High School. What a wonderful way to end the year!

**KABOOM!**

**SNAP!**



Nurse Hibbler completed a life skill-based class on hygiene and skin care practices with 3rd-5th grade students. The class included games, prizes, and videos to help students learn the importance of how hygiene practices link to our overall health. The class promoted areas of hand washing, cleanliness, and disease prevention. We want to say thanks to Nurse Hibbler for keeping our students informed!



Santa pays a visit to the teachers and students of A.W. James.



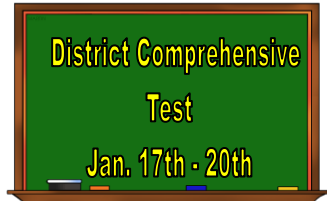
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**



→ **Jan. 9th**



→ **Jan. 16th**



→ **Jan. 18th-25th**

**Happy New Year 2017**